

MOTION

The City has declared a shelter crisis in Los Angeles to help address the needs of more than 36,000 homeless City residents, of which more than 27,000 are unsheltered and forced to live on the streets. Along with the crisis declaration, the Council and Mayor established the A Bridge Home (ABH) program to develop temporary shelters across the City. While the goal is to find permanent housing for all homeless residents, ABH sites are designed to be “no-barrier” shelters that provide a wide range of critical services that address the immediate needs of homeless individuals and families, including case management, housing navigation, mental health services, and life skills.

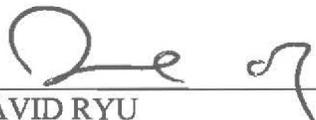
The 2019 Annual Homeless Count saw a 7% increase in the number of families experiencing homelessness, totaling 5,482 adults and children in the City of Los Angeles. With an estimated 721,000 LA County Households severely rent-burdened – meaning more than 50% of household income is used to pay rent – combined with rising real estate costs and stagnant wages, the number of homeless families is unfortunately likely to grow.

To support the ABH initiative, and to assist the thousands of families experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles, staff should be instructed to determine the feasibility of renovating the existing building and developing the site located on private property at 3061 Riverside Drive in the Los Feliz/Silver Lake area into an ABH facility that serves families.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate the site located at 3061 Riverside Drive in the Los Feliz/Silver Lake area, in Council District 4, to determine if the property is suitable for development as an A Bridge Home Program facility;

I FURTHER MOVE that if the property is determined to be suitable for development as an A Bridge Home Program facility, that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funding to operate the site, including, but not limited to, State funding and County Measure H funds; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the General Manager of the General Services Department be authorized to submit a report to Council relative to negotiating a lease agreement for the property located at 3061 Riverside Drive in the Los Feliz/Silver Lake area, with the option to renew the lease at the discretion of the City Council.

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